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TO RUEADWW/WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

ATTN: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL: GARY SICK

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ATTN: KEN BASS

RUEAIIA/DIRECTOR CIA

ATTN: DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS: NEAR EAST

RUEHC/SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTN: DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH
RELIABLE INFORMATION ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD ALREADY
PREPARED FOR DEPARTURE TOMORROW, THERE IS TOTAL CONFUSION
AMONG THE STAFF OF THE SHAH OF IRAN. HOPES HAD BEEN PINNED
ON LEAVING TOMORROW (30 NOVEMBER 1979) FOR MEXICO BUT THIS IS

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NOW OUT OF THE QUESTION AND THE SHAH IS VERY DISTRAUGHT AND UPSET.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:45 P.M. (EST), 29 NOVEMBER 1979, ONE

U. S. PERSON WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH A SECOND

INDIVIDUAL. THE U. S. PERSON STATED THE SHAH IS VERY

DISTRAUGHT AND THE STAFF IS IN CONFUSION AS TO WHAT TO DO

NEXT. THE OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE: ASKING THE

UNITED STATES TO GIVE THE SHAH ASYLUM AT A U. S. CONTINENTAL

AIR BASE; OR, GOING TO AUSTRIA WHERE THEY APPARENTLY HAVE A

HOUSE. EGYPT IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY AND THE HOPE

OF SALVAGING SOMETHING OUT OF MEXICO IS APPARENTLY LOST.

THE U. S. PERSON SEES HIMSELF IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND

IS PLANNING TO CALL (DAVID D.) NEWSOME AT THE DEPARTMENT OF

STATE AS SOON AS THE SHAH'S COURSE OF ACTION IS SORTED OUT.

HE STATED THE STAFF TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S

USE OF THE WORD "ALLY" IN HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE SHAH DURING

HIS NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY (28 NOVEMBER 1979).

THE U. S. PERSON INDICATED TO THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL THAT

SOMEONE IS GOING TO CALL AN OFFICIAL AT STATE DEPARTMENT AND

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TELL THEM HOW DISTRAUGHT THE SHAH IS OVER THE DEVELOPING
SITUATION.

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